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1. Altengrabow (Zoo)

A subterranean munitions plant near Altengrabow is alleged to be in production again for the Russians. Numerous local residents, including men and women up to the age of sixty, have been drafted for this work. The explosion of a carload of shells in late July produced a garrison alert and rumors that the British had begun to bombard the town.

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Comment: The plant in question has been described as intact by another source, who also stated that it is now being used as an ammunition dump. This would appear more likely than the contention of actual production in the above paragraph.)

2. Berka (D21)

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None of the Berka installations had been dismantled or dynamited in early September. Some guided missile material is still stored in the former potash mine shafts. Large caliber shells were being removed in OMMRU cars which proceeded eastward via Nordhausen, Halle, and Dresden. Soviet penal battalions and a few laboratory cars of "Y-2 (FMS?) trains" were observed in the southern section of the munition dump area at Berka, which is surrounded by a high fence and is heavily guarded.

Comment: 180 railroad cars, believed to be FMS types, left the Berka area between 12 and 13 July 1947.)

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Wolgast (P92)

In mid-August the Russians began to establish a large sized dump for ammunition of assorted types in the woods near Wolgast, approximately 4.5 kilometers west of Wolgast harbor. The depot is connected with main lines through the Züssow-Wolgast railroad; good roads connect it with main highways. Bunkers are being constructed. Up to about 1 September, approximately 6,000 tons of AA or tank ammunition had arrived by water from Rostock and Wismar, and 15,000 tons of heavy artillery ammunition arrived by rail via Dresden and Halle. The dump area is restricted and is guarded by Soviet Navy personnel.

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